The Hongkong Telegraph.

ESTABLISHED 1881.

NEW SERIES No. 1092. 光緒二十四年十一月初十日 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1898. 禮拜四 香港英十二月廿二號 THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY.

Sole Agents for the UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LT'D, LONDON.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co. *General Agents.*

Banks.

THE
YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	Yen 12,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL	10,500,000
RESERVE FUND	6,960,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

KOBE.	NEW YORK.
LONDON.	LYONS.
SAN FRANCISCO.	HONOLULU.
BOMBAY.	SHANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
PARRS' BANK, LD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.

HONGKONG AGENCY:—INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
" " 6 " 4 "
" " 3 " 3 "

S. CHOH,
Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898. [382

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital	£1,000,000
Paid up Capital	£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq.

J. T. Lauts, Esq.	Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.	Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager,
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per Cent. per Annum.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [8

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND	$ 9,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS	$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING,—Chairman.
R. M. GRAY,—Deputy Chairman.
C. Beurmann, Esq.

David Gubbay, Esq.	A. I. Raymond, Esq.
A. Haupt, Esq.	P. Sachse, Esq.
R. H. Hill, Esq.	R. Shewan, Esq.
A. McConachie, Esq.	N. A. Siebs, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE-GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [9

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP	£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS	£800,000
RESERVE FUND	£450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " ... 3½ "
" " " 3 " ... 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

	Shanghai Taels.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL	2,500,000

Head Office:—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.

CANTON.	HANKOW.
CHEFOO.	PEKING.
CHINKIANG.	SWATOW.
FOOCHOW.	TIENTSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
3% per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4% " " " 6 "
5% " " " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [1237

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON, &c.	*Coromandel* †	F. N. Tillard	Noon, 24th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN	*Rohilla**	S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R.	About 26th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	*Chusan*	E. Street	About 26th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	*Malacca**	R. T. L. Cook, R.N.R.	About 27th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	*Sumatra*	T. Wicken	About 29th Dec.	Freight or Passage.

* (Passing through the Inland Sea). † (See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1898. [5

D. C. L.

OLD TOM AND DRY GIN.

$7 PER DOZ.

H. PRICE & Co.,
Sole Agents.

THE
CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [36

DOYEN & CO'S EXTRA QUALITY, EXTRA DRY CHAMPAGNE.

VINTAGE 1893.

Telephone. 75.

One of the very finest CHAMPAGNES now offering in any market.

Sole Agents

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,
Wine Merchants,
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON & GLASGOW.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1898. [15

TRY THE

CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

W. POWELL & CO.

NEW STOCK OF
CHRISTMAS TOYS.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1898. [27

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.
MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT............THOS. SKINNER.

27] DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

PEAK HOTEL.

1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION, Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and numerous Islands. Cool southerly breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East winds in winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

J. MARCESSE, *Chef de Cuisine.*

GEO. J. CASANOVA,
Manager.

CRAIGIEBURN is now open, for terms apply to

MANAGER, PEAK HOTEL.

CITY OFFICE, 7, Duddell Street. [28

JUST ARRIVED.

EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES

FROM THE WELL KNOWN MANUFACTURERS
ANGLO EGYPTAIN CIGARETTE CO., CAIRO.

BRANDS:	In tins of:	Price per tin:
SULTANS	100	$2.00
PACHAS	100	2.50

UNEQUALLED AIR TIGHT HERMETICALLY SEALED TINS.

W. BREWER & CO.,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1898. [1223

PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTRY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHAGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.

Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.
Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale
by
THE PETER SYS COMPANY,
(Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers),
9, Old China Street,
Shanghai.

12th October, 1898. [1242

THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF

WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.
Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

TANSAN.

FLETCHER & CO.
and
CARMICHAEL & CO.

23]

FERNAND QUEENARDEL CHAMPAGNE.

CUVÉE RÉSERVÉE.

EXTRA DRY 1893 VINTAGE

FIRST QUALITY ONLY.

14] Sole Agents:—WATKINS & CO.

ROBERTSON SANDERSON & Co., LIMITED. LEITH.

CELEBRATED SCOTCH WHISKIES.

	Per Case.
"GLENLEITH" BRAND	$10
"SECOND TO NONE"	12
"MOUNTAIN DEW"	12
LIQUEUR WHISKY	15

All the above brands we guarantee to be pure Malt Whiskies. The differences in price are regulated by the age of the Whisky. The "Second to None," "Mountain Dew," and Liqueur Whisky are all over ten years old.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HONGKONG AND SOUTHERN PORTS OF CHINA,

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1898. [661

Insurances.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED............$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [30

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
(For Account of the Concerned.)
TO-MORROW
(FRIDAY), the 23rd December, 1898,
at NOON,
at their SALES ROOMS, Ice House Street.
SUNDRY ENGLISH STORES.
Comprising:—
CORNED BEEF, BRAWN, SOUPS, ESSENCE OF BEEF, FINDON HADDOCKS, BLOATER PASTE, LOBSTER, BOILED MEAT, PICKLES, MACKEREL, SALMON, SARDINES, VINEGAR, LIME JUICE, MESS PORK, COCOA, MALT, BISCUITS, BUTTER, TOBACCO, CHEESE, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [1510

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 565.

THE following Particulars and Condition of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on
WEDNESDAY,
the 28th day of December, 1898, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 21st December, 1898. [1509

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1898, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.			Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N. & W.	S.	W.			
			ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Rural Building Lot No. 91.	Barker Road	336	197.6	111	25,700	144	3,084

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 564.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on
THURSDAY,
the 29th day of December, 1898, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 10th December, 1898. [1506

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale to be held on Thursday, the 29th day of December, 1898, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	
1	Inland Lot No. 1,517.	Wanchai Road, Bowrington (near Canal).	72.4	41.6	188.9	101	6,175	98	1,853

Masonic.

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1489

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

MEMBERS of the CONGREGATION at ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, who have not yet subscribed to the CATHEDRAL FUND, are invited to send their subscriptions for the current year to the Undersigned. Will they kindly do so before the 31st instant.

T. JACKSON,
Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1492

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
(For Account of the Concerned,)
TO-MORROW
FRIDAY, the 23rd December, 1898,
at 12 o'clock (NOON),
at their SALES ROOMS, Ice House Street.
121 Tubs each 40 lbs. SALMON BELLIES.
17 Barrels each 150 lbs. SALMON BELLIES.
AN ASSORTMENT OF WINES.
Comprising:—
MOUTON ROTHSCHILD, SAUTERNES, POMMARD, CHAMBERTIN, NIERSTEIN, CH. LAFITE, SPARKLING MOSELLE, HOCK, LIQUEURS, BRANDY, &c., &c., &c.
AND
One WARDROBE, DRESSING TABLE and SIDEBOARD.

TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [1514

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.
No. 86.

NOTICE is hereby given that MONDAY next, the 26th instant and MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1899, will be observed as HOLIDAYS at the KOWLOON CUSTOMS OFFICE.

Work at the OPIUM EXAMINATION OFFICE and CUSTOMS STATIONS will proceed as usual.

H. M. HILLIER,
Commissioner of Customs,
for Kowloon & District.

Custom House,
Kowloon, 21st December, 1898. [1512

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE Public are hereby informed that on and after the 21st instant the RATE OF POSTAGE on Letters posted in the Colony to the places mentioned below will be 4 Cents per ½ oz.

The Full Schedule of NEW POSTAGE RATES will be published in the GAZETTE of the 24th instant.

A. M. THOMSON,
Postmaster General.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [1513

United Kingdom, Aden, Ascension, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Central Africa, British East Africa, British Guiana, British Houduras, British India, Canada, Cape Colony, Ceylon, Cyprus, Fiji, Federated Malay States, Gibraltar, Gold Coast Colony, Johore, Lagos, Natal, Newfoundland, Sarawak, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Straits Settlements, St. Helena, The Falkland Islands, The Gambia, The Leeward Islands (which comprise—Antigua, St. Christopher and Nevis, Dominica, Montserrat and the Virgin Islands), The Niger Coast Protectorate, The Niger Company's Territory, The Windward Islands, (Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent), Tobago and Trinidad, Turks Island, and Uganda.

FOR LONDON VIA MANILA AND SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"BELGIC,"
Captain Rinder, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.

This well-known steamer has Superior Accomodation for Passengers and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, [1468

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA. (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship
"SUNGKIANG,"
Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 29th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [1496

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"MOGUL,"
will be despatched as above on or about the 15th January, 1899.

S.S. "ENERGIA"	About 31st Jan., 1899.	
S.S. "ARGYLL"	„	15th Feb., 1899.
S.S. "SIKH"	„	28th Feb., 1899.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [1360

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID, ADEN, BOMBAY, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"VINDOBONA,"
having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This vessel brings no Cargo:—

From Trieste, ex S.S. *Amphitrite* transhipped at Bombay.

From Venice, ex S.S. *Carlotta* and *Massimiliano*, transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 28th instant, *or they will not be recognised.*

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 28th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [1465

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING AND DYEING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FINAL INSTALMENT of $30 per SHARE on the shares in above COMPANY becomes due on the THIRTY-FIRST day of December next, and PAYMENT thereof must be made to the BANKERS of the Company, viz., the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or before that date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1898. [1396

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

	Per Case 1 doz.
A.—THORNE'S BLEND, White Capsule	$10.80
B.—WATSON' GLENORCHY MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark	10.80
C.—WATSON'S ABELOUR-GLENLIVET, Red Capsule, with name and Trade Mark	12.00
D.—WATSON'S H.K.D., BLEND OF THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT WHISKIES, Violet Capsule	14.40
E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LIQUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Capsule	15.00

THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S GLENORCHY are high class Soda Whiskies, of greater age than most brands in the market.

ABELOUR-GLENLIVET is a very old Peat-Whisky, (smoky) and could not now be replaced in stock at the price.

D is well known for its fine flavour.

E is of superb quality and pronounced by leading local connoisseurs to be the best brand in the Hongkong market.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
Established 1841.

BIRTHS.

At Dublin, on the 13th of November, 1898, the wife of A. A. WHELAN, of the Hongkong, and Shanghai Banking Corporation, of a son.

At 58, Broadway, Shanghai, on the 15th of December, 1898, the wife of WM. TAYLOR, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Cannot something be done to revive the rapidly failing interest taken in our Annual Regatta? Each succeeding year sees the sport becoming of a poorer quality and its partisans of a less representative character, and, unless matters shortly mend, the Regatta will have degenerated into a semi private function only supported by a few lovers of acquatics whose attachment to this form of sport still urges them to prevent its becoming a thing of the past in Hongkong. Certainly the Victoria Recreation Club has been passing through a trying period of its existence. Its site is about to be resumed by the Government, and there is apparently difficulty in obtaining an equally suitable one, its bath has become practically a thing of the past, for it now only consists of a short pier with a small matshed on the end thereof, and altogether the Club shows evident signs of decay and failure of vitality. It is still resorted to as a place of ammusement, but not as in former years for purposes of sport alone.

* * *

There must be some reason for this gradual decadence, and we fancy that it is not very far to seek. Our older sportsmen are becoming less and less inclined to take upon themselves the duty of encouraging the younger members of the community to indulge in acquatics and the men whom they have trained, and who should now take their places, have not come forward in their turn to carry on the acquatic education of their juniors as they should have done. They forget that they needed encouragement themselves at one time and found it, and they expect their juniors to shape their own course without the necessary "licking into shape" which they themselves underwent at the hands of their seniors in their younger days. As a matter of fact we are now growing a race of old young men who have not the same characteristics as their predecessors. They look upon themselves as men directly they have left school and entered upon a business career, and consider themselves the equals in every respect of their seniors, quite forgetting that these same seniors have become what they are by a gradual process of development, into one stage of which entered a boyish love of sport which in great measure helped to fit them for the positions that they now occupy. It is a pity, but nevertheless a fact, that sendentary amusements appear to have more attractions for the youth of the present day than outdoor sport.

* * *

Another thing which undoubtedly has led to this decline in the interest taken in the Victoria Recreation Club, as a recreation club, is the fast growing tendency towards exclusiveness and class distinctions in sport. Our sporting clubs are not the cosmopolitan associations of a few years ago but are gradually sifting themselves out and becoming more and more exclusive year after year. A Class finds that it is derogatory to its dignity to be seen in the company of B Class, and that C Class must be shunned at all hazards. This snobbery, for it is difficult to find any other name for it, renders it well nigh impossible for any cohesiveness to be shown in any particular line of sport and, as a natural consequence, either a club must fall to the exclusive use of one particular class or else go to the wall. What we should like to see would be all classes mixing on a perfect equality when once aquatics, football, cricket or any other outdoor amusement happened to be the order of the day.

* * *

Unless this state of things can be brought about we fear that the Victoria Recreation Club and consequently its Regatta must end in failure. If the Regatta is to be under the auspices of the V. R. C. entirely, then class distinctions must be done away with once the door of the Club has been passed. Outside, A Class, B Class and C Class, and all the other Classes of the alphabet may keep entirely to themselves, but once inside each member must forget that he is anything but a simple sportsman and remember that he has equally good men for his associates. Another method of reviving the interest in the Regatta, if people cannot be prevailed upon to lay their pride aside for a short time, would be for the Victoria Recreation Club to be finally wound up and a separate club established for each particular Class. Then we should have the A's, the B's and the C's all consorting with their fellows and the question of class would be done away with. The regatta could be arranged to be held by a league of all the different clubs and the committee could be chosen from amongst the representatives of each, A would no longer be disgusted at having to row in the same boat with B and C and would consequently feel that his dignity was not compromised by indulging in aquatics. B and C would no longer feel the restraint of A's presence, and a rivalry would arise amongst the various clubs which we believe would go far towards saving our Regatta from becoming a farce, as it now promises to do.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE ANTI-ANARCHIST CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 20th.

The Anti-Anarchist Conference threatens to end in failure. The representatives of Great Britain, Belgium, and Switzerland declined to surrender foreign anarchists on the demand of their Governments.

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF CRETE.

Prince George of Greece has started for Crete escorted by the flagships of the four Powers, Great Britain, Italy, Russia and France.

EVACUATION OF FASHODA.

Major Marchand's party evacuated Fashoda on the 11th instant, marching to Sobat. Egyptian troops immediately occupied the fort.

LEGAL NEWS.

Sir Henry Hawkins has resigned.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 22nd, at 11.55 a.m.: The barometer has risen generally. An anticyclone is central in N. China with moderate to rather steep gradients and strong monsoon on the coast, and in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:—Fresh N. E. winds; fine.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SIX hundred and twenty-seven deaths were registered at Singapore last month. The ratio per thousand was 32·61.

THE sale of wines by Messrs. Hughes and Hough will take place to-morrow at noon instead of 11 a.m. as previously notified.

THE British Post-Office and British Companies now control 1,111,366 miles of telegraph wires. The plant employed is valued roughly at 30 million pounds sterling.

THE Post Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th inst., and on Monday, the 2nd January, except from 8 to 9 a.m. Letters for Hongkong, Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be kept open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

A PRESENTIMENT of his death and of the manner of it, which was held by the captain of the steamer *La Bourgogne*, and which was known to the directorate of the Company, is being urged by Counsel in France in favour of their clients while seeking for damages arising from the collision.

THE Band of the K. O. Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

Overture	The Barber of Seville	Rossini
Selection	Les Cloches de Corneville	Planquette
Piccolo Lolo	Pantomimique	Green
Gavotte	Pizzicato	Watson
Selection	The Gay Parisienne	Caryll
Valse	Bei Uns Z'Haus	Strauss

God Save the Queen.

A LODGE meeting was held at the Masonic Hall last night to enable His Excellency the Governor to become better acquainted with the local members of the craft. Sir Henry Blake, who is a District Grand Past-master of Jamaica, arrived at 9.30 p.m. and all those who could possibly be present were presented to him. His Excellency left shortly before 11 and the meeting then broke up.

A NEW departure has been instituted by Mr. Brewin, the Government Inspector of Schools, in having the examinations for the Grant-in-Aid held at the City Hall instead of at the respective schools as on previous years. The lower forms were examined at the schools last week but the examination of the higher standards from all the schools was held yesterday, and to-day and will be continued to-morrow at the City Hall under Mr. Brewin's own supervision.

THE proceeds of the concert at the City Hall by the Dramatic Company of H.M.S. *Powerful* on Boxing Night are to be donated to Naval charities.

THE following is the programme of music to be played by the K. O. L. Band at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, on Saturday next, commencing at 6 p.m.:—

Christmas Carols	("A.") Sleep Holy Babe ("B.") The First Nowell ("C.") King Wenceslas	Arr. Griffiths.
Song (Euphonium Solo)	Nazareth	Gounod
Spanish Chant		Arr. Hanly
Fantasia	Yule Tide	Arr. Kappey
Hymn	Abide with me	Arr. Tyrrell

God Save the Queen.

THE mortality return for the week ending 10th December was 25.1 per 1,000 as compared with 18 the previous week and 21.3 the corresponding week last year. The President of the Sanitary Board minuted that this was a large increase as compared with the previous week. He understood that 11 deaths had occurred from intermittent fever. The Medical officer of Health stated that this was the diagnosis of a policeman—at Kowloon and at Aberdeen—and was not that of a medical man.

AT the Supreme Court to-day, Henry Francis Robert Brayne, B.A., was admitted to practice as a solicitor by the Puisne Judge. An affidavit was filed by Mr. Chantrey Inchbald stating that Mr. Brayne was a fit and proper person to be admitted as a solicitor "in this honourable Court." Mr. Brayne arrived here on 17th inst. He was formerly of Cheltenham, and was educated in the Cheltenham and Trinity Colleges. He was admitted as solicitor in the Supreme Court of Judicature on 25th October, this year.

MR. P. HILDEBRAND, chief engineer of the Woosung-Shanghai Railway, has received orders from Germany to proceed to Shantung, where he will be employed on railway undertakings there. Mr. Hildebrand will therefore leave Shanghai about the end of the end of the month. Mr. Unglaube, Assistant Engineer, has also received similar orders, and will leave for Kiaochou without delay. Assistant Engineer Rutenberg will be in charge of the Woosung Shanghai Railway in the meantime, and will complete the extension of the line beyond the present Woosung terminus to the Woosung Creek. When that work is done Mr. Rutenberg will also proceed to Kiaochou.—*N. C. D. News.*

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. His Excellency Major-General Wilsone Black, C.B., presided, and there were also present:—Hon. T. S. Smith (Acting Colonial Secretary), Hon. R. D. Ormsby (Director of Public Works), Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police), Hon. W. M. Thomson (Acting Colonial Treasurer), Hon. R. M. Rumsey (Harbour Master), the Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Wei A Yuk, and Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, unofficial members.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Owing to indisposition H. E. Sir H. Blake was unable to be present at the meeting of Council, Major-General Black presided in his stead.

The following gentlemen were elected to act on the following Committees for the ensuing year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The whole of the Council excepting the Governor.

LAW COMMITTEE.

Attorney-General Major-General Black, Mr. Bell-Irving, Dr. Ho Kai, Mr. Bellilios and Mr. Wai-A-Yuk.

FIRST READINGS.

The following bills were read a first time on the motion of the Acting Attorney General:—First reading of a Bill entiled An Ordinance to amend the Waterwarks Ordinances to 1897.

First reading of a Bill entiled An Ordinance for the naturalization of Wong Tong alias Wong Wing Kwan.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD AT NANKING.

The *Universal Gazette* relates that Lord Charles Beresford arrived at Nanking from Wuhu in the Chinese gunboat *Nanshên* in the morning of the 9th inst. He was accompanied by Taotai Tao Chülin, military secretary, and landed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The various Chinese forces in the city turned out and lined the roads for a distance of two miles to welcome the distinguished visitor, who was accorded a splendid reception. Lord Charles had an interview of over two hours with Viceroy Liu next day. The Viceroy tendered him a banquet in his Office of Foreign Affairs, when Lord Charles said that Great Britain was the nation that had been the longest friendly with China and it was pleasing to him to see this friendship being strengthened. After the entertainment, his Lordship was invited to inspect the military and naval schools, the Arsenal and other government establishments. During the conversations between Lord Charles and the Viceroy several important subjects were touched upon. Among others the gallant Admiral suggested that the gingals and other antiquated weapons should be done away with and that it would be more convenient if the men were armed with rifles. He also pointed out the disadvantage of having three kinds of rifles in use among the troops, which might cause confusion, for the cartridges used might become mixed and victory would thus be turned into defeat. He suggested that a change should be made without loss of time and that rifles of a uniform pattern should be used. The Viceroy replied that the Government had already considered this and had given orders to all provincial authorities that in future Mauser rifles only should be used by all troops throughout the country and changes to this effect were being made. His Lordship went on to say that even should China reorganize her navy she would do better first to improve her army which would prove of service to her in less time. If all troops in the various provinces should be trained on a uniform method, provided with the same equipments, their pay increased and paid up, and their services much better appreciated, they would turn out a very strong army in a few years. As General Gordon had expressed it the Chinese are capable of being made splendid soldiers; for example there was the battle of Taku, at which they were able to resist the British troops and the battle of Liangshan they overcame the French. Chinese soldiers could make a stand against trained European troops if properly drilled and led by efficient officers, Lord Beresford, at the Viceroy's request started on the 11th inst., in the *Nanshên* to Chinkiang and Kiangyin for the inspection of the land and river forces under commanders Li and Huang, before proceeding to Shanghai.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE ELECTRIC WORKS.

An inquest was held the Police Court to-day on the death of Thomas Mercer, fourth engineer of the *Salhadgi* who was accidentally killed by electric shock at the "Electric Works on Monday last. Commdr. W. C. H. Hastings, Acting Police Magistrate, acted as Coroner.

Dr. J. C. Thomson said—On the morning of the 20th inst. I examined the body of a European male adult, said to be that of Thomas Mercer, at the Government Mortuary. It was that of a young man, a little over thirty. There were no external marks of injury except a cut on the left hand across the third and little finger. The blood was dark coloured and quite fluid throughout the body. The heart was fattily degenerated. The brain and all the internal organs were much congested but otherwise healthy. I came to the conclusion that death was due to electric shock. That is the reason the blood was dark coloured and fluid. The condition of the heart rendered it likely that a slighter electric shock would prove fatal than in the case of a man with a healthy heart.

Francis Joseph Price said—I am an electrician employed at the Hongkong Electric Co. I made the acquaintance of deceased or Friday last. I believe he was the fourth engineer of the steamship *Salhadgi*. I had been on board his ship on Monday afternoon and left him on board about 5 p.m. I next saw deceased alive about 7 p.m. in the Electric Light station, with the second engineer of the same ship. They were not there by appointment with me. I did not speak to them. I went straight up to my quarters to dinner. The next thing was about 7.30 when a Chinese engineer who was on duty come to my quarters, about 30 steps above the station. In consequence of what he told me I went down at once. I saw the second engineer of the *Salhadgi*, the Chinese engineer, who came up and a Chinese fittter lifting the body of the deceased in the Station close to the machine where the accident occurred. The body was then taken to the verandah and it appeared that he was breathing. I was going to get some brandy when the second engineer of the *Salhadji* said he did not think it advisable as he thought deceased had had too much already. When I left deceased at five o'clock, he was the worse for liquor.

The Coroner—Is anybody allowed in the Station?

Witness—No, I think the general public are not allowed in the station. I knew them to be engineers and I knew deceased to have been in charge of the electric plant in his ship, so I had nothing to fear. Continuing, witness said—I then went up to my quarters and sent a house coolie for chairs and told the second Engineer that it would be advisable to take him on board. The coolie brought a ricksha instead.

The Coroner—What power was the dynamo running at the time.

Witness—It was running at between 2,000 and 2,500 volts. Judging from what the Chinamen told me I think he got about a third, which is sufficient to kill a man. I saw marks on the brushes as of hands. One of the brushes was bent.

Cheung Shing said—I am No 2 engineer at the Electric Works. At a little after 7 p.m. on the 19th inst., I was in the engine room when two Europeans came in. They walked round looking at the engines. I followed them. One of them touched the engines in a familiar way. They then went towards the door and I went back to my work. I thought they had gone away but later I suddenly saw them near the engines again. I was going to warn them but before I moved the deceased fell backwards. I saw his right hand touch the brush but I did not see his left hand. Then I ran to where deceased was and I saw that the two brushes were bent. I then went and called Mr. Price and we carried the body to the verandah. I helped to put it in a ricksha. Deceased left hand bled and there was some blood on the machine.

The ricksha coolie who drove deceased was also called to give evidence.

John McKinnan, P.C. 61, said—On the 19th inst. at 8.35 p.m. I was on duty at Murray Wharf. Last witness drove a man up. I thought he was drunk. I examined him and found he was dead. Another man came down with the corpse and he told me whom deceased was. I took the corpse in an ambulance to the station and thence to the Government Civil Hospital and finally to the mortuary. The man who came with the corpse was perfectly sober.

The finding of the Coroner was "Accidental death resulting from electric shock."

THE JAPANESE ARMY.

The Japanese Army is not in good odour at present. It appears that the billeting system pursued at the autumn manœuvres gives rise to abuses bitterly complained of by the people. The sum allowed for feeding and lodging a soldier is 20 *sen* per day. In consideration of that payment he receives a bed and two meals, one in the evening and one in the morning. It is not easy to see how such a pittance could suffice. Certainly it can not unless the soldier himself is prepared to be content with very frugal fare. But, according to the complainants, he is not at all disposed to be content. He expects his outing to be a kind of holiday, and if his hosts do not furnish good rice and palatable condiments, together with a modicum of *sake*, he wants to know the reason why. The result is that a house where soldiers are billeted has to expend some 30 *sen* a head over and above the allowance. A further grievance is that the soldier insists on taking the housemaid out for a walk in the evening, and likes to have the *samisen* played for him by the daughter of the family before he retires for the night. In fact he is altogether a pampered Lothario, and neither the non-commissioned, nor the commissioned, officers turn a deaf ear to his most frivolous complaints. One vernacular newspaper makes a grievance of the fact that some 500 guests were entertained by the military authorities at the recent manœuvres. It calculates that each guest cost as much as ten soldiers, and thus, since the total number of troops employed was fifty thousand, ten per cent. of the outlay was incurred on account of the guests, from which fact the newspaper infers that the War Department is rolling in wealth while the people are oppressed by taxes. Silly talk of that kind throws discredit on the whole grievance, but it seems more than probable, for independent reasons, that the soldiers do not treat the people with proper consideration. The blame rests, of course, chiefly with the officers. It rests also with the system. A patent illustration of the latter point is the formation adopted by troops marching through the streets of Tokyo. They move in sections of fours with the non-commissioned officers on the flanks, and as the style of march is very loose, a front of five men occupies nearly as many yards. Add that the centre of the street rather than the side is regarded as the proper ground to take, and it will be seen that a battalion on the march becomes a most embarrassing obstruction to traffic. Thus the lesson taught to the men whenever they move from place to place is that, everything must give way to them, and that the convenience of the citizen is as nothing compared with the dignity of the soldier. There is something of the feudal-time *samurai*, in this system.—*Japan Mail.*

THE ALLEGED BRIBERY CASE.

CHIEF JUSTICE INDISPOSED.

The case against Frederick Howard Kew, clerk, and Lo Wing, messenger, both of the Sanitary Board, for—(1) Attempting to obtain a bribe as a public servant with a view to influence his conduct as such public servant (2) Attempting to obtain a bribe as a public servant with a view to incline him to do an act contrary to the rules of honesty and integrity (3) Attempting to extort money under cover of office—which was to have been taken at the Criminal Sessions to-day was adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock, owing to the indisposition of the Chief Justice.

JUDGES' NOTES.

Judges' notes was a matter of comment in the Supreme Court here in the Li Sing case a short time ago. The same question in another form was before the Court of Appeal in England lately and the master of the Rolls is reported to have said, with reference a note at the end of a case concerning registered trade marks, in which he was reported to have laid it down that it was desirable that solicitors should know that in appeals in cases where evidence has been taken orally in the court below it is their duty to apply in good time for the judge's notes of evidence. "That it is right enough, but there comes a passage which is all wrong, although whether I am to blame for it or anybody else I do not stop to inquire. The words are these: 'If they do so they will generally be supplied by the judge's clerk with copies of those notes.' Now that is not the practice, and I have never had any authority to say what I am represented to have said, and the passage must be put right. What it should be is this: If they do so this court will apply to the judge for a copy of his notes. But if, as frequently happens, a copy of the notes is applied for just before the appeal comes on there is no time to obtain a copy for the use of this court, which leads to confusion and inconvenience. It never has been the practice of any judge to give copies of his notes to solicitors or counsel."

WHY GERMANS SUCCEED.

TRUE COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.

A report on commercial education in Germany, furnished to the Foreign Office by Mr. Consul Powell, affords interesting evidence of the value of developing the intelligence of the young. In Germany, says the Consul, true commercial education is treated as an important factor in the newly developed competition with other trading nations, and especially is it noteworthy to remark how the study of modern languages, including Russian, is being encouraged and fostered. But, in the opinion of Mr. Powell, the great success which has attended German trade since 1873, but more especially during the last ten years, is due less to superior commercial education than to the high state of general education the German has enjoyed for many years. "The commercial success of the German nation is not the outcome of commercial education; the latter is rather itself the offspring of that success, which has opened the eyes of the Chambers of Commerce and municipalities, and latterly of the Imperial Government, to the immense value of commercial education for a commercial people. Therefore, the wonderful increase of commercial schools is a result and not one of the causes of the trade successes of Germany."

THE CHINA QUESTION.

SOME PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

HINTS TO DIPLOMATS AND TRADERS.

Mrs. Bishop offers the following practical suggestions, as the result of 15 months' travel in China, eight months of which was in the Yang-tse Valley, to the head of the navigable waters of the Min and beyond.

"1. The strengthening of the central Government. In its weakness lies the weakness and possible abrogation of our treaty obligations. It is its strength and capacity to fulfil them which alone make them worth more than the paper on which they are written. Among other modes of strengthening the Government are the negative one of avoiding giving it through our diplomatic action such buffets and threats as cause it to 'lose face' in the eyes of its subjects and the positive one of urging it without delay to reconstruct its army, navy, coast and river defences, and equipments and armaments generally, on those European models which (if illustration be needed) have proved so efficacious in the case of Japan, placing European officers at the head of the commissariat as well as in the position of drill instructors. An empire which has found the advantage of officering its maritime customs with Europeans would scarcely need much pressure on this point.

"2. The acute and immediate pressing of our commercial interest, specially in the Yangtse Valley, in the bold spirit of the Merchant Venturers of Bristol, the establishment of our merchants in the great cities now open to our trade, the investment of capital in the building of silk and cotton factories up the great river, where coal, iron, and any amount of docile and capable labour is at hand and cheap, thus establishing our right to that region as a 'sphere of influence' by visible and practical methods in advance of any other nation.

"3. By attending to the oft-times repeated warnings of Consuls and travellers as to the necessity, recently largely increased by German and Japanese competition, for our manufacturers to acquaint themselves carefully with the needs and tastes of the Chinese, as to the widths, weight, and make of plain cottons, and the colours and patterns of printed goods, and even to stoop to consider so small a matter as the colour and patterns of the wrappings in which the goods are put up, certain colours being regarded as 'unlucky' by the Chinese, and constituting an effectual barrier to their introduction into the markets of the interior."

THE HEIR TO THE THRONE OF ITALY.

The date of the baptism of the son of the Duke and Duchess of Aosta was November 3. The ceremony took place at Turin in the chapel of the Holy Winding Sheet, which is the cherished religious heirloom of the House of Savoy. The King and Queen of Italy were present, as well as the Princes and Princesses of the Royal Family, and the Dowager Countess of Paris; the Marquis Guiccioli, Prefect of the Province, Baron Casana, Mayor of Turin, and the dignitarias of the Court. Mgr. Richelmy, Archbishop of Turin, performed the ceremony and gave the child the names Amedeo, Umberto Isabella, Luigi, Filppo, Maria, Giuseppe, and Giovanni. A reception was then held in the Throne Hall. The presumptive heir to the throne of Italy now bears the title of Duke of Apulia. This was the first occasion of a ceremony in the Royal Family since the appointment of Mgr. Richelmy to the archbishopric of Turin. It is stated that the Countess of Paris has announced the birth of the Prince, her grandson, to the Holy Father and that he has sent his congratulations and best wishes.

NORTHERN NEWS.

(From Shanghai Papers.)

LI HUNGCHANG.

H.E. Li Hungchang arrived at Tsinan on the 11th. The Russia Russia Viceroy Jen was on the spot to welcome him.

THE MINCHEH VICEROY.

H.E. Hsu Yin Kwei arrived at Foochow on the 13th instant and was to take over his seal as Viceroy of the Mincheh province the next day.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF CHEKIANG.

It has been announced that the new Governor of Chekiang, Liu Chinghan, will have to proceed to Peking for audience with the Emperor before proceeding to his post.

THE GOVERNOR OF SHUNTIEN.

Chen Chaowen, the officiating Governor of the Imperial Prefecture of Shuntien, assumed charge of his office on the 5th inst., and all his subordinates and underlings presented themselves at a formal interview.

OFFICE OF COMMERCE FOR WUHU.

A Branch Office of Commerce has been established in Wuhu and the manager has been appointed in the person of Liu Tzuyün with the rank of Magistrate; he is also to have charge of the Anhwei native opium matters.

HU YUFEN.

The *Sin Wan pao* states that the Director General of the Tientsin Railways, Hu Yüfen, after receiving instructions at a audience with the Emperor, left for Tientsin where he arrived on the 8th inst. and took up his headquaters in Tsinyü Railway Co. in the French Settlement there.

THE BANK OF CHINA CASE.

The case of the Bank of China, Japan and the Straits against Chinese shareholders heard at the Taotai's Bureau for Foreign Affairs is about to be re-opened, the Viceroy having consented to a fresh hearing. So far as is known the whole of the ground will have to be gone over again.

STUDENTS FOR YANGTZE FORTS.

The Nanking correspondent of the *Shanghai Daily Press* states that Viceroy Liu has drafted a number of students from the Military College to the various forts on the Yangtze. They were subjected to an examination by the Viceroy previous to their departure.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF KWANGTUNG.

Lu Chwantien, the newly appointed Governor of Kwangtung has left Shanghai for Hankow by the s.s. *Kiangyu*, in order to consult on some business of importance with the Viceroy Chang Chit'ung. Immediately on his return he will proceed to Canton to take up his post.

REWARD AND PUNISHMENT.

An Edict, dated the 3rd of the 10th moon, confers upon Fo Ling-foah the title of Bat'uru in recognition of the services rendered by him in quelling the disturbances in the Tung-hwa mountains, Fengteen Province, his predecessor being at the same time degraded for laziness!

THE NEW SHANGHAI MARKET.

The new market having been completed and the provision dealers ordered to return to it with their stands etc., several fish sellers have consulted together intending to apply to the Municipal Council to issue a serial number to each of them and space to be allotted according to the number to prevent all dispute arising among themselves.

FRENCH ON THE YANGTZE.

Private intelligence from official sources in Nanking has been received by Chinese in Shanghai stating that Viceroy Liu Kungyi has received telegraphic information announcing that eight French men-of-war are bound for Nanking. The Viceroy on receipt of this, it is said, immediately wired to Commanders-in-Chief Li and Huang to exercise the strictest vigilance at Woosung and Kiangyin and to allow no French men-of-war to pass the forts. Express orders have also been issued to commanders of all forts and military stations surrounding the provincial capital to be prepared for any emergency.

MURDER AT POOTUNG.

A band of footpads waylaid and murdered a farmer named Luk at Pootung on the night of the 15th inst., while the man was returning home with a sum of $70 in his possession at a place called Luk Cher-che, three miles distant from the embankment. He was suddenly confronted by the depredators who demanded his money. This the farmer refused to give up, when one of miscreants stabbed the unfortunate man, who died in a few minutes. The thieves relieved their victim of his money, but were unable to make good their escape, the actual murderer being shortly afterwards caught by a detective and placed in confinement.

THE STANDARD OIL CO.

According to native advices from Tientsin the Standard Oil Co. there have applied to the Viceroy through their Consul for permission to construct a Kerosene Oil Reservoir at Tongku, and the Viceroy instructed the Tientsin Taotai to examine the place in conjunction with the Consul and ascertain if the construction of the proposed Reservoir would be detrimental in any way to the place or the inhabitants. On the 7th inst. this was done and no obstruction being found existing the Taotai will report favorably to the Viceroy to permit the scheme.

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

Sen Chianai, the chancellor of the University of Peking, says the *Shen Pao*, has given notice to the effect that those candidates for admission to the University who have not handed in their accounts of official service duly stamped will have to do so within ten days to enable their names to be placed on the list of students to be examined prior to admission. A copy of the rules and regulations will be issued to each candidate and those who cannot conform with these are advised not to join, students desirous of joining will prepare their own pen and ink to be examined at the University, the date of which will be duly notified.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN OUTBREAK.

According to native reports Viceroy Chang Chihtung has been informed by wire that the Anti-Christian disturbances in Lichuan have been put down by the Ichang Lieutenent General Fu and that the ringleaders have been captured. However, another similar outbreak has occurred in Patunghsien a neighbouring district; mobs have destroyed the houses of Christians who, however, succeeded in escaping. The rebels are now planning to seize the city, and the Magistrate has implored the Viceroy to send him military aid, and Viceroy Chang has ordered Lieutenent General Fu, who is nearest the centre of the disturbance, to quell the rebellion.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

Lord Charles Beresford was entertained at tiffin on the 15th inst. by Tsai Taotai at the Bureau for Foreign Affairs. In social parlance the function may be described as "small and early."

Among those present were Mr. Byron Brenan, Consul-General for Great Britain; Mr. Vice-Consul Ker, Mr. C. J. Dudgeon, Chairman of the China Association, and Mrs. Dudgeon; Mr. W. V. Drummond and Mrs. Drummond, Lady Hannen and Miss Hannen, Dr. Morrison, Peking correspondent of *The Times*, Mr. J. O. P. Bland, the local representative of the same journal; and the Chinese guests were Commander Hü of the Chinese gunboat *Nanshen*; Mr. Fung Yee, the Taotai's Secretary; and Mr. Tseng Ching-I, editor of the Chinese *Universal Gazette*. No speeches were made and the European guests were entirely British.

Lord Charles Beresford was to leave Shanghai for Hongkong *via* Foochow on Sunday last and will be accompanied by Dr. Morrison. The gallant Admiral will return to Europe by way of Japan and America.

JAPANESE NEWS.

(From Japanese Papers)

THE NATIONAL UNIONISTS.

On the 11th inst. the National Unionists, over 50 in number, held a secret conference and discussed the increase of the Land Tax.

HEALTH OF THE EMPRESS.

Her Majesty the Empress, who had been ill with a cold for some days, has now almost recovered, and will be restored to her usual health in a few days.

A FOREIGN LOAN.

It is stated that the Government has decided to introduce into the Diet a Bill to raise a foreign and domestic loan. For this purpose, a Bill amending the Public Loan Regulations will first be submitted.

THE TEA TRADE.

From the commencement of the season down to the 31st October there were sold in Yokohama 20,263,900 lbs. of tea which realised a total of *yen* 5,706,324.29. Compared with last year this shows a decrease of 553,500 lbs. while there is an increase of *yen* 73,121.19 in value.

THE SHAKO CLUB.

The promoters of the Shako Club held a conference at the Kogetsu Restaurant, Shimbashi, Tokyo, on the 11th inst. Mr. Oye Taku presided and Cunt Itagaki delivered a political speech. A committee of 15 was elected to control the general affairs of the body, including Marquis Saigo, Count Itagaki, Baron Suyematsu, Messrs. Ozaki Saburo, Shibusawa, Masuda, Omiwa, and others.

THE LAND TAX AGITATION.

According to the *Osaka Asahi*, the opponents of the Bill for the Increase of the Land Tax are circulating a rumour to the effect that the Government has commenced buying the votes of members of the Diet, the price per member ranging from Y500 to Y1,500.

POPULATION OF JAPAN.

According to official returns just published in the official *Gazette*, the population of Japan at the end of last year was 43,228,863, including 21,823,615 males and 21,405,212 females, occupying 8,058,474 houses. These figures show an increase of 520,599 in the population and also an increase of 53,625 in the number of houses over the returns of the proceeding year.

FOREIGNERS IN KOREAN SERVICE.

A Japanese paper states that the following foreigners are now in the service of the Korean Government at Seoul: British, 5; Americans, 4; Russians, 2; Chinese, 2; French, 1; German, 1; Japanese, 1; and Danish, 1. Total 17. The paper further states that the Korean Government pays some 6,000 yen a mouth to these foreigners.

FIRE IN TOKYO.

Early on the 12th fire broke out at the residence of Count Shimazu, Nihon-Enoki-machi Shiba, Tokyo, but the flames were put out before the conflagration had greatly spread. Another fire appeared on the 11th at 3.30 a.m., at the house of a carpenter named Awami Yonetaro, in Odawara, and destroyed five buildings. The previous night some employés were working at the shop, and had left some live embers in the fire-place.

RICE AND TOBACCO.

The *Osaka Asahi* remarks that not only has there been a very successful crop of rice this year, but tobacco also shows a good outturn, especially in Tamba, where the quality of the leaves is exceptionally good. The value of the production per *tan* of ground in Tamba ranged from Y80 to Y85, such a good harvest being unprecedented so far as this province is concerned.

IMPERIAL CHARITY.

A Japanese paper learns that the Emperor and Empress have been pleased to grant 500 yen towards the relief fund for the families of the passengers and crew who were drowned on board the steamer *Miyagawa-maru*, which was sunk off Tadotsu in the Inland Sea in October last.

DYSENTERY IN JAPAN.

The total number of cases of dysentery reported in Japan since its outbreak this year up to the 10th inst. was 90,335, with 22,199 deaths. Below are given the names of the prefectures where cases of 5,000 and upwards have been reported:—

	Cases.	Deaths.
Yamanashi	9,922	2,154
Niigata	9,835	2,382
Nagano	8,133	1,944
Shizuoka	6,662	1,558

In the prefecture of Nagasaki, 957 cases, with 215 deaths, occurred during the same period.

RAISING RAILWAY FARES.

It is confidently reported that the fares on the Government railways will be raised shortly. It is proposed that fares for 50 miles and under shall be raised by 20 per cent., beyond 50 miles a progressive reduction in the rate will be made for each 100 miles. For the maximum distance fares will even be a little lower than those now in force. The Government estimates that it will obtain some Y1,300,000 additional revenue by the alteration.

THE "KASAGI KAN."

News is published to the effect that the responsibility for the accident to the *Kasagi Kan* rests entirely on the pilot who was in charge of the vessel, and that the repairs—which are not of much consequence—will be performed without any cost to Japan. Neither will any delay be caused in the matter of shipping the armament. The *Kasagi* will be able to leave Newcastle for Japan in February, as originally arranged.

COTTON YARN.

The total annual production of cotton yarn in Japan is generally computed at 650,000 bales, and the home demand at 450,000 bales, leaving 200,000 bales which must find a market abroad. These figures, however, appear to be inaccurate. The export of cotton-yarn this year would seem to have already exceeded 200,000 bales, as the export up to the end of October amounted to 185,033 bales, while more than 16,000 bales were exported in November. Nevertheless, yarn quotations still remain at a figure that is too low to give much profit. From this the *Asahi* concludes that the domestic demand for yarn is smaller than is generally supposed.

SHIPWRECK AND HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

The *Tokyo Asahi* reports the loss of a Japanese fishing junk and 41 lives. The vessel left Kaitorigata in Shiribeshi, some time ago, for the purpose of salmon-fishing in the waters off Saghalien. Having completed her operations, she commenced her return voyage on the 28th of September, in the face of bad weather, and was wrecked in the neighbourhood of Nanatsujima on the 2nd October, only two out of her crew of forty-three escaping. She had on board, at the time of the disaster, 400 *koku* of salted salmon and 1,800 bags of salt.

NATIONALIZATION OF RAILWAYS.

The Political Committee of the Liberal party has adopted a Bill for the nationalization of railways, and it is to be considered at a forthcoming general meeting of the Liberal members of the Diet. The principal points of the Bill are as follows:—

1.—That the Government shall purchase the Nippon and Sanyo Railways and complete the main trunk line through the Empire.

2.—That the purchase shall extend over a period of five years.

3.—That the amount offered for the purchase of the two railways be 160 million yen.

4.—That a domestic loan be raised to defray the cost.

SERIOUS FIRE IN KOBE.

Between three and four o'clock on the morning of the 16th instant fire broke out in a block of houses at the south-east corner of the Sannomiya railway crossing. Before the alarm was given, the flames had got serious hold, and it was hopeless to try and save the houses fronting the Sannomya road. Mr. Sim with the brigade was quickly on the scene, together with numerous Japanese brigades, and efforts were at once made to prevent the fire stretching out to the densely populated district eastward. Fortunately these efforts were successful, but not before some fifteen or twenty houses had been destroyed. It was a pitiful sight to see the poor people standing in the cold by the goods they had saved, and to note the hopeless look on many faces at the loss of their little property.

LOSS OF THE "YAYEYAMA-MARU."

On Tuesday (13th) at 1 p.m., a collision occurred between a steamer of the Peninsular and Oriental Company—the *Brindisi*—and the Japanese steamer *Yayeyama Maru*, in Moji Bay, with the result that the latter was sunk. No casualties to life or limb are reported. *Yayeyama* is a vessel of 1,575 tons (gross). She was built in 1872 by the London and Glasgow Company, and the belongs to Mr. Okaazaki Takichi, of Kobe. The P. and O. steamer, which was at anchor at the time, slipped her cables and steamed to Nagasaki for repairs, so it is expected her damages were slight. The Japanese steamer was referred to by several papers as the *Yayeyama Kan*.

A DISSIPATED SECRETARY OF LEGATION.

It is stated that Mr. Ohara Kinzaburo, for many years Secretary of the Japanese Legation in Paris, has been arrested on a charge of misappropriating twenty thousand *yen* of public money. The story told by the vernacular newspapers is that Mr. Ohara allowed himself to be betrayed into spendthrift habits, the attractions of the French capital proving too much for him, and that he falsified his accounts from time to time until the aggregate of his defalcations reached the above sum. Only recently, however, did the Foreign Office discover the fraud. Mr. Ohara's recall followed immediately, of course, and his arrest was effected on the 11th inst.

THE SULU ARCHIPELAGO.

A correspondent writes in the *Globe*:—The Protocol of 1877 recognised by Spain and the Sultan of Sulu insured to England and Germany freedom of trade in Sulu and its dependencies, Palawan and Balabac, yet if England does not have a care the advantages of that treaty will be lost to her in provisions of the peace treaty of Paris. The question for the Foreign Office merely is this, to see whether under the new arrangements England stands as she did before—with perfect freedom of trade in Sulu, Palawan, and Balabac. Is the condition of things between England and Sulu and its dependencies, Palawan and Balabac, to be continued as under the Protocol of 1877, or will there, under the new arrangements, be duties placed on British goods as there are now with the United States? Is England to lose something, and is there to be another graceful concession?

The Spanish have sought to assume sovereignty over them often, but the British persistently refused to recognise the Spanish claim over the group, and in 1877 the Protocol was signed securing freedom of trade in Sulu to England and Germany. In 1878 Spain forced the Sultan to become her subject, and paid him a pension of $2,400. The Spaniards have a settlement on the island of Sulu, situated on an unhealthy swamp, and garrisoned by 800 soldiers, and there are smaller settlements on other three of the islands.

THE SULTANATE OF SELANGOR.

The *Malay Mail* calls attention to the claims of the Raja Mahmud of Semenyih to the succession to the present Sultan.

Before the grandfather of the present Sultan came to the throne Raja Mahmud was recognised as heir to his father (the then Sultan) and was styled Raja Muda, when Raja Mahmud's father died, the present Sultan's grandfather was chosen to act as Sultan till Raja Mahmud, then a little boy, should have grown up. But before the era of the British protectorate the acting Sultan was so firmly established that protest became unavailing, though the rival family animosity has not disappeared.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

DECEMBER.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer	29.818
Thermometer	80.1
Humidity	77
Rainfall	8.58

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.32	30.24
Thermometer	62	66
Humidity	55	56
Rainfall	—	—

TO-DAY.

Thursday, 22nd December, 1898.

Chinese—*10th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-sü.*

High water—*Morning* .... *4hr. 38min.*
Afternoon ...... *5hr. 10min.*

Low water—*Morning* .... *9hr. 53min.*
Afternoon ...... *none.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1865—Lord Beaconsfield born.
1836—Two Mandarins arrived at Macao with secret orders to watch the movements of Plenipotentiary Elliot.
1864—Capture of Savannah by General Sherman.
1879—British victory near Kabul.
1890—Return of Governor Sir William Des Vœux to Hongkong.
1897—The German cruiser *Kaiserin Augusta* arrived in Hongkong from Europe.

TO-MORROW.

Friday, 23rd December, 1898.

Chinese—*11th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-sü.*

High water—*Morning* .... *6hr. 12min.*
Afternoon ...... *5hr. 52min.*

Low water—*Morning* .... *0hr. 26min.*
and 10hr. 37min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1861—Prince Consort buried.
1870—British Consulate at Shanghai destroyed by fire.
1874—Lord Romilly died.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Indian *(Koh-i-noor)* 24th inst.
English *(Chusan)* 25th inst.
American *(Coptic)* 27th inst.
Canadian *(Empress of China)* 28th inst.
American *(City of Peking)* 12th prox.

* *
*

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s chartered steamer *Shantung* with mails, etc., arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port *via* Kobe this morning the 22nd instant.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 9.30 a.m. yesterday the 21st instant, and left again at midnight of same day.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Isidoro Pons	at	Kowloon	Dock.
H.I.G.M.S. Kaiser	"	"	"
Chwnshan	"	"	"
Bygdo	"	"	"
H.I.G.M.S. Moewe	"	"	"
H.I.G.M.S. Gefion	"	"	"
Ask	"	"	"
H.I.G.M.S. K. A'ta	"	"	"
H.M.S. Pigmy	"	"	"
Haiphong	"	"	"
Athenian	"	"	"
Hainan	"	"	"
Pakshan	"	Cosmopolitan	"
Hankow	"	"	"
Picciola	"	Aberdeen	"

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, is a combination of two most valuable remedies, in a palatable and easily digested form having great healing and strengthening properties, most valuable in *Consumption* and wasting diseases. Read the following:—"I have found Scott's Emulsion of great benefit in the treatment of phthisical and scrofulous diseases. It is extrmely palatable and does not upset the stomach—thus removing the great difficulty experienced in the administration of the plain oil."—D. P. KENNA, L.R.C.S., Surgeon, St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. Any Chemist can supply it. Sole Agents for Hongkong and the Empire of China:—Watkins & Co., Hongkong.—[*Advt.*

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

Under the distinguished Patronage of
Vice-Admiral Sir
EDWARD HOBART SEYMOUR, K.C.B., R.N.
By kind Permission of
Captain The Hon. HEDWORTH LAMBTON,
and Officers of
H.M.S. "POWERFUL."

THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC CO.,
OF
H.M.S. "POWERFUL,"
in the
NAUTICAL MUSICAL BURLESQUE,
Entitled
H.M.S. "*MISSFIRE*"
or
CHANGE ROUNDS.
On
MONDAY, the 26th December, 1898.

The whole Concluding with the Realistic Tableaux:

(1). READY FOR ACTION.
(2). BATTLE SCENE.
(3). DEATH OF NELSON.

The String Band of H.M.S. *Powerful.*
Mr. SCHOFIELD Conducting.

Doors Open 8.30 P.M. Commence 9 P.M.

Box Plan at the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY and MONDAY.

PRICES, Dress Circle, $3 and $2. Stalls, $2. Pit, $1.

Sailors and Soldiers in Uniform, Half-Price to Pit only.

The Proceeds of the Entertainment will be given to Naval Charities.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1898. [1511

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
will produce a Pantomime entitled,
'THE YELLOW DWARF,'
or
'HARLEQUIN THE KNAVE OF HEARTS;
and the
FAIR PRINCESS.'

On the following dates:—

THURSDAY,	5th January,	1899.
SATURDAY,	7th	"
MONDAY,	9th	"
WEDNESDAY,	11th	"
SATURDAY,	14th	"

The TICKET OFFICE at the Theatre will be OPENED on THURSDAY, the 22nd Dec., at 10 A.M. and Seats can be booked from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., every day; SUNDAYS and GENERAL HOLIDAYS excepted.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1898. [1440

Intimations.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

No. 6, Ice House Street, Praya Central.

Head Office:—TOKIO.

Branch Offices:—
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOMBAY, SINGAPORE, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, NEWCHWANG and all Ports in JAPAN.

Agencies:—
Milki Coal Mines.
Ohmura Coal Mines.
Kanada Coal Mines.
Tokyo Marine Insurance Co., Limited.
Meiji Fire Insurance Co., Limited.
Imperial Government Paper Mills, Japan.
Cotton Cleaning and Wkg. Co., Shanghai.
Onoda Cement Company, Japan.
Kanegafuchi Cotton Spinning Mill, Japan.
The Miike Cotton Spinning Mill, Limited.
Tokyo Cotton Spinning Mill, Japan.
Hayashi Clock Factory.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [45

THE
GENERAL CATALOGUE
AND
BUYERS' GUIDE
ISSUED SEMI-ANNUALLY BY
MONTGOMERY WARD & CO.
THE GREAT MAIL ORDER HOUSE,
Chicago, U. S. A.
IS THE MOST COMPLETE IN THE WORLD

It has more than 11,000 illustrations, about [illegible] quotations of prices, weighs [illegible] pounds, and contains over [illegible] pages. Everything you wear, or use is listed in it, and the prices quoted place you in a position to buy from us, in large or small quantities, at wholesale prices. We do not sell this General Catalogue and Buyers' Guide; we give it away. To introduce to you our immense facilities we will send free of charge to you or any other foreign resident our "Buyers' Guide," and our "Hand Book for Foreign Buyers," which gives all information necessary to put you in touch with our methods. Send us your address and we'll do the rest.

Montgomery Ward & Co.,
111 to 120 Michigan Ave., Chicago, U. S. A.

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with ORDINANCE No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 26th and 27th instant, respectively:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
T. E. SANSOM,
Manager.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED,
J. THURBURN,
Manager.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
J. G. F. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
E. L. HUNTER,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
CHOH,
Agent.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1898. [1505

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 26th and 27th instant, respectively, and on MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1899:—

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers.
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co., LIMITED.
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Acting Secretary.
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE Co., LD.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE Co., LIMITED.
SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.
G. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE Co., LD.
W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE Co., LD.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1491

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that under the powers conferred by the SPECIAL RESOLUTION passed and confirmed on the 5th and 25th days of June, 1897 the Undersigned General Managers did on the 30th day of November, 1898 make a FINAL CALL of $5 per SHARE on account of the price of the New Shares issued in pursuance of such RESOLUTION and a FINAL CALL of $5 on account of the PREMIUM for each such share and that such CALLS are PAYABLE at the OFFICES of the General Managers, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 1st January, 1899.

Upon payment of such calls and production of the certificates for the shares in respect of which the same are paid, fully paid up Certificates will be issued in exchange for provisional scrips.

Dated the 1st December, 1898.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

1400]

THE MUTUAL STORES.

LIPTON'S DELICIOUS CANDIES IN FANCY BOXES.

JUST THE THING FOR CHRISTMAS.

LIPTON'S CELEBRATED HAMS.

LIPTON'S STILTON CHEESE

LIPTON'S CELEBRATED BISCUITS.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1389

KUHN & KOMOR,
JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,
21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA
and
36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1898. [42

CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS
USED FOR OVER 20 YEARS.
With the Utmost Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot and Dampness.

Sole Agents for China,
LUTGENS, EINSTMANN & Co.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [19

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [1507

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship

"NANYANG,"

Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
General Mangers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [1508

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"VINDOBONA,"

Captain C. Bellen, will leave for the above places TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1898. [1465

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG,"

Captain G. Payne, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1898. [1500

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"FAUSANG,"

Captain Moncur, will be despatced as above on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1898. 1501

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENARTNEY,"

Captain Frakes, will be despatched as above on or about the 24th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. [1312

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND LAUNCESTON.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY the 28th instant, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and *vice versa.*

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1898. [1469

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"HECTOR,"

Captain Barr, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant.

For Freight apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1495

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENAVON,"

Captain W. Pithie, will be despatched as above on or about the 29th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [1397

THE SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON (VIA SINGAPORE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"ELPHINSTONE,"

Captain C. Abbott, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th January.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1898. [1451

THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, 7, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 29th of December, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1898.

LUTGENS, EINSTMANN & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1898. [1503

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATION.	SAILING DATES.
SANUKI MARU............. W. Townsend	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEWCASTLE, ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	TO-MORROW, 23rd Dec., at 4 P.M.
HIROSHIMA MARU........ T. Tsuji	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TO-MORROW, 23rd Dec., at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU.............. J. Nagao	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI, ...	TO-MORROW, 23rd Dec., at 4 P.M.
YAMASHIRO MARU........ J. Jones	NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA	TO-MORROW, 23rd Dec., at 4 P.M.
MIIKE MARU .... S. Kawamuro	BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 27th Dec., at Noon.
RIOJUN MARU .... J. W. Ekstrand........	SEATTLE, (WASH., U.S.A.,) VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.	FRIDAY, 30th Dec., at 4 P.M.
OMI MARU .... C. Young	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 30th December, at 4 P.M.
HAKATA MARU .... E. L. Sommer	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 5th Jan., at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1898. [16

STANDARD OIL COMPANY

OF NEW YORK.

THOMPSON AND BEDFORD DEPARTMENT

Have in Stock and are now offering for Sale a full line of

CYLINDER, ENGINE, & SPINDLE OILS.

MINERAL COLZA, (300° Fire Test),

A high grade burning Oil for Ship-Lights, Light Houses, Tram Cars and Railway Trains, and for all uses where a highest degree of safety is required.

MINERAL WAX,

Crude, Semi-refined and Refined,

ORDERS SOLICITED and LOWEST PRICES QUOTED.

1300]

Dr. KNORR'S

ANTIPYRINE

patented

"LION BRAND"

In Powder and Crystals, also in Drops of 5 grains, easily soluble in Water, Wine, &c.

FEVER, RHEUMATIC AND NEURALGIC AFFECTIONS, NERVOUS AFFECTIONS.

ARGONIN.

(Registered Trade Mark.)

SOLUBLE CASEIN-SILVER PREPARATION.

Used in Gonorrhoea in 1 to 2 per cent. solutions possesses similar bactericidal action to silver nitrate, but is distinguished by complete absence of irritating properties.

It is requested that the directions on the boxes for making solutions shall be implicitly followed.

Dr. OVERLACH'S

MIGRAININE

"LION BRAND"

ANTIPYRINE CAFFEINE CITRATE.)

1 Excellent results in *the severest cases of migrainine*, as well as in *headache arising from alcoholic, nicotine and morphia poisoning, neurasthenia, influenza, grippe, etc.*

2 The *best antipyretic*, even in threatened collapse, because the caffeine of Migrainine acts simultaneously as an *analeptic*.

☞ Use only DR. OVERLACH'S MIGRAININE, "Lion Brand," and always prescribe "MIGRAININE HOECHST."

The best medium dose for adults is 17 grains, given once or twice daily in powder or in solution.

Sole Manufacturers:
FARBWERKE VORM. MEISTER LUCIUS & BRUNING, HOECHST O/M.

Literature of the above Preparations supplied gratis at request to medical men.

CHINA EXPORT, IMPORT & BANK CO.,

SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA.

BEWARE OF SPURIOUS IMITATIONS! [31

SALE OF WORK.

THE FRENCH SISTERS beg to announce that they will have a SALE OF WORK and other articles suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, at the Convent, from the 15th to the 23rd instant, inclusive, from 10 A.M. till 4 P.M. When they hope their friends will patronise them.

Owing to the absence of the Mother Superior their BAZAAR will not take place till the 29th inst.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1898. [1455

GREATEST BLESSING OF LIFE.

Prof. H. WINTER.

The Great American Indian Expert.

WARRANTS TO CURE HARD AND SOFT CORNS, BUNIONS IN-GROWING NAILS AND WARTS.

GUARANTEED to take them out without pain or drawing blood, and further guarantees to perform a perfect cure.

Mr. WINTER'S fame is spoken of in highest terms by various well-known Gentlemen who have suffered for years with Corns.

He has arrived at HONGKONG and will remain till the 1st January at **THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,** Room No. 4. Office hours from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Consultation free of charge.

Those who wish Mr. WINTER to visit them will please send their Address and he will call on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS between 2 and 3 P.M.

Charges Moderate.

The Professor speaks English, German, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1898. [1478

STAMPS!

STAMPS!!

STAMPS!!!

GRACA & Co.

DEALERS IN

ASIATIC AND FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Packet of STAMPS for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, HAND PAINTED POST CARDS of Chinese Life, the most suitable CHRISTMAS SOUVENIRS, ALBUMS, CATALOGUES and all other PHILATELIC REQUISITES.

Prices to suit all Customers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. [1487

EYE-SIGHT.

MR. N. LAZARUS,

Occulist-Optician, of London and Calcutta, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at

FLETCHER & Co.'s PHARMACY.

(Opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL).

Business Hours: ... ... 9 a.m. to 5 P.M.

A great proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some dificiency in the construction of the eyes, the many years of "Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of diseases. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE. [1470

WANTED.

A CLUB SECRETARYSHIP required by a Gentleman who's services will be available from 1st of the New Year.

Apply "C.S."
c/o This Paper.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1898. [1476

WANTED.

AN ENGLISH BOOKKEEPER seeks an engagement,

"Z.Y.X."
c/o *Hongkong Telegraph.*

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [1477

WANTED.

WANTED employment by an HOTEL MANAGER, Good references.

Address "CATERER,"
c/o *Hongkong Telegraph.*

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [1474

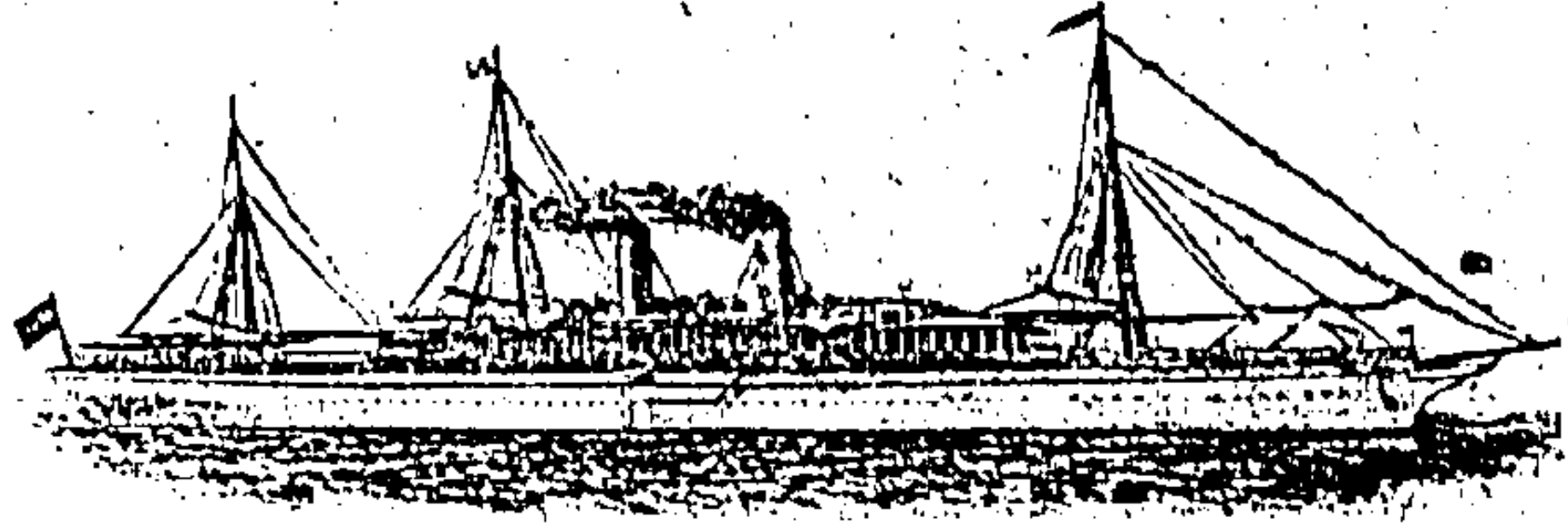
WANTED.

WE pay highest cash prices per hundred or per thousand for current or obsolete issues of POSTAGE STAMPS of China, British Colonies, &c., either used or unused. Rare old stamps especially desired and for which best prices will be paid. Remittances always first mail after receipt of consignments.

KOLONA STAMP CO., DAYTON, OHIO, U.S.A. [1162

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

1898.  1898.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan., 1899.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., 1899.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar., 1899.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1898. [3

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Saturday, 14th Jan., 1899.
HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday, 7th Feb., 1899.
NIPPON MARU via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Saturday, 4th March, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"AMERICA MARU,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 14th January, 1899, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, Union PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [1310

ANTI CORROSIVES — ANTI FOULINGS

MANUFACTORY
all sorts of
OIL PAINTS and COLOUR-WASH
PREPARED IN ALL COLOURS
TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

GENERAL AGENCY
BAILEY'S ENGINEERING AGENCY,
17, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1898. [29

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"COROMANDEL,"

Captain F. N. Tillard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *via* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1898. [5

NORTHERN PACIFIC

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FROM VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA.
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Glenogle...	3,750	J. McGillivray...	Jan. 10.
Olympia...	2,608	J. Truebridge ...	Jan. 14.
Victoria ...	3,502	J. Panton.........	Feb. 14.
Tacoma ...	2,553	A. Dixon.........	Feb. 25.

ALSO.
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
IN CONNECTION WITH
OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Columbia	2,605	A. Gow......	Jan. 28.
Monmouthshire	2,874	W.A.Evans	Feb. 18.
Lennox	3,677	Williamson	Mar. 11.
Columbia	2,605	A. Gow......	April 15.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line,

HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application. *Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.*

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [4

SAILING VESSEL.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE * 3/3 A 1 I. American Ship

"REUCE,"

Captain Adams, having arrived will load here for the above port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1898. [1320

Mails.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD. — HAMBURG AMERICA LINE.

(Freight Service.) — *(East Asiatic Service.*

(Taking Cargo at through rates to AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE; BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
*HEIDELBERG... Schilder	HAVRE AND HAMBURG .... (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 31st December.	Freight and Passage.
*SIBERIA .... Hildebrandt	GENOA AND HAMBURG .... (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 5th January.	Freight and Passage.
ARMENIA .... Magin.............	HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.......... (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 18th January.	Freight.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Calling at NAPLES for Passengers only, if sufficient inducement offers.

For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents,

Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. [981

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Aztec (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..................	Tuesday, 27th Dec., at Noon.
City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Saturday, 21st Jan., at Noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 16th Feb., at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 14th March, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"AZTEC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNITED PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Franscisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing, Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [1

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan PORTS and HONOLULU, The UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Carlisle City......	3,002	....	Jan. 15
Carmarthenshire	2,929	....	Feb. 14

THE Steamship

"CARLISLE CITY,"

will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about the 15th January.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For futher information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, China and Japan,

Hongkong, 8th November, 1898. [1330

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADED, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECK TO ALTERATION.)

Prinz Heinrich...	Wednesday	4th Jan.
Preussen	Wednesday	1st Feb.
Sachsen	Wednesday	1st March.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1899, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Cüppers, with MAILS PASSENGERS SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 3rd January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th November, 1896. [1436

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Thursday, 5th Jan., 1899, at Noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Tuesday, 31st Jan., 1899, at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Saturday, 25th Feb., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"COPTIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 5th January, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1898. [2

Printed and published by ETHELBERT FORBES SKERTCHLY, at No. 6, Pedder's Hill, in the City of Victoria, Hongkong.